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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 4437

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC (SMUT, SMITH, HUNTER)

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: MEETING WITH FOREIGN OFFICE DIRECTOR  
GENERAL

REF: STATE 123331, KINSHASA 4380, DAR'S 1699 AND 1705

1. FOREIGN MINISTER BULA IS IN INTERIOR WITH PRESIDENT  
MOBUTU. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, I CALLED UPON BAGOENI LATE MAY 28, NEW  
DIRECTOR GENERAL FOREIGN MINISTRY, WHO FORTUNATELY HAD  
KALONJI, DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS, WITH HIM. I GAVE  
THEM MY ACCOUNT OF EVENTS TO DATE, BUZZ WORDS OF WHICH  
WERE OUR APPRECIATION COOPERATION SO-FAR RECEIVED, GOZ  
AND GOT JOINT RESPONSIBILITY, ESSENTIALITY MILITARY  
RESTRAINT AND NEED FOR FULLEST CONSULTATION. I PROVIDED  
COPIES MATERIALS CONTAINED DAR'S 1699 AND 1705 (KINSHASA  
4380), AND PUSHED HARD FOR OUR PROPOSED RADIO MESSAGE OR ZAIRIAN  
REWRITE THEREOF WHICH WOULD INCLUDE OUR MAIN THEMES.

2. DIRECTOR GENERAL BAGBENI MADE PPROPRIATE NOISES  
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BUT SAID, "WE WILL NEED TIME TO CONSIDER MATTER,"

WHICH TRANSLATES INTO "UNTIL I CONTACT THE MINISTER AND HE TALKS TO THE PRESIDENT, WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE ANSWER IS." FACT THAT KALONJI WAS PRESENT WOULD SEEM TO ASSURE THAT REASONABLY COHERENT ACCOUNT OF REQUEST WILL GO TO TOP.

3. WHILE BULA'S VISIT TO PRESIDENT COULD BE ASSOCIATED WITH ANY NUMBER OF DEVELOPMENTS, MOST LIKELY IS ANGOLA AND EXPULSION OF PORTUGUESE CONSUL FROM KINSHASA. IT COULD ALSO BE LINKED TO KIDNAPPING CASE. QUESTIONS: IS IT POSSIBLE THAT BULA AND PRESIDENT ARE PLANNING HIGH LEVEL MEETING WITH GOT. COULD THEY BE DISCUSSING MY QUESTION TO BULA ABOUT POSSIBLE INTERMEDIARIES WITH KIDNAPPERS? (KINSHASA 4380). ARE THEY REVIEWING HOW TO HANDLE HOSTAGE PROBLEM? THERE IS NO WAY TO KNOW UNTIL SOMETHING HAPPENS OR WE ARE TOLD SOMETHING, BUT I AGAIN URGE DAR TO BE ALERT TO POSSIBILITY OF DEVELOPING HIGH-LEVEL CONSULTATIONS TO SUPPLEMENT WHOSE I AM REASONABLY CERTAIN ZAIRIAN CONSUL GENERAL KIGOMA INITIATED UPON HIS ARRIVAL DAR ES SALAAM. HINTON

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